

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MERLE L. MILLER	Group Art Unit: 2614
Serial No.: 09/752,167	Examiner: ALEXANDER JAMAL
Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2000	Conf. No.: 8941
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RINGING	Atty. Dkt.: 2069.008600/TT3776
	CUSTOMER NO.: 23720

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 11, 2009
(CONCURRENTLY FILED WITH RCE)

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: Amendments to the claims being on page 3. Remarks begins on page 6.

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 11, 2009, for which the shortened three-month statutory response date is September 11, 2009. An extension of time of one month is requested for this paper. This response is being filed on October 12, 2009 (Oct. 11, 2009, falling on a Sunday), therefore it is timely filed.

A fee in the amount of **\$810.00** is due for the filing of the Request for Continued Examination and **\$130.00** for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2069.008600. No other fee is believed to be due. However, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2069.008600.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 9, 2009, the Examiner and the undersigned conducted a telephone interview. Claim 9 and the cited art were generally discussed. While no agreement was reached, the Examiner indicated that amendments proposed by the undersigned (shown in the Claims section below) and arguments made in light of these amendments, in particular with respect to the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, should advance prosecution of the instant Application toward allowance.